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TO : Acting Chief, Industrial Division

DATE: 1 March 1957

FROM : Acting Chief, Consumer Industries Branch

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for February 1957

1. Accomplishmentsa. Projects Completed

- 25X1A9a (1) Projected PR on Hungarian Light Industry (38.910), completely revised by [REDACTED]
- 25X1A9a (2) Section 64 of North Korean NIS 41A (10.1053), coordinated by [REDACTED]; this project included I/CI's contribution on the textile, paper, and footwear industries of North Korea.

b. Status of Other Projects

- 25X1A9a (1) The Soviet section - [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] - continued work on the Soviet NIE (10.1506) in February. This project will be finished this month. Conclusions from the recent Pervukhin speech are being incorporated in this project.
- 25X1A9a (2) The Soviet section also worked on the ruble-dollar ratio project (10.1626), which is to be completed this month.
- 25X1A9a (3) [REDACTED] started work on "Progress and Problems of the European Satellite Economies in 1956" (10.1509), concentrating on the sections on living conditions.
- 25X1A9a (4) [REDACTED] started work on production in light industry for Section 64 of the Czechoslovakian NIS (30.1560). [REDACTED] continued work on manpower and investment for this same project.
- 25X1A9a (5) Work on "Domestic Trade in Communist China" (38.1648) stopped and will be resumed in March, probably on a less ambitious scale.

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- (6) 25X1A9a [REDACTED] continued his research on Satellite housing in anticipation of a possible PR in this field (a suggested Project Action Memorandum has been submitted to St/PR through the division office).

2. Training

- 25X1A9a a. [REDACTED] completed her O/TNG statistics course, "Handling Quantitative Data", except for one final meeting on index numbers.
- 25X1A9a b. [REDACTED] took the non-evaluated Basic Supervision course (B-7) of the Office of Training.

3. Trips

None

4. Administration

- 25X1A9a a. [REDACTED] became Acting Branch Chief, effective approximately 11 February, vice [REDACTED] Branch Chief, who became branch chief of the European Satellites Branch, Analysis Division.
- 25X1A9a b. To fill the resulting vacancy in the Far East section, [REDACTED] was transferred to the branch from the Far East Branch, Analysis Division, effective 25 February.
- 25X1A9a c. There are now 11 people in the branch: the acting branch chief, 9 analysts (the full complement), and the branch secretary.

5. Plans

The first round of planning for the branch program for FY 58 has been completed. Plans for four branch-initiated projects, which require the assistance of other branches in the Economic Research Area, were drawn up and are being submitted for inclusion in the final ERA plan.

6. Problems

Nothing to report.

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